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LOK SABHA

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WELFARE OF TEA WORKER
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a WHO sponsored study by the medicos from the Assam Medical College has revealed a high vulnerability of Tea Workers to heart diseases;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to provide due security against the hazards of the industry to the Tea Workers?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) to (c): As per available information, a World Health Organization (WHO) sponsored research study on Establishment of Sentinel Surveillance System for CVD (Cardio Vascular Diseases) in Indian industrial population is being undertaken by the Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh, which comes under the purview of State Government of Assam. It is understood that the study is being conducted in two randomly selected tea gardens of Dibrugarh District and among tea workers aged 20-69 years. Full details of the study will be available only after it is completed. Various welfare measures are provided to tea garden workers under the Plantations Labour Act and other relevant laws.